GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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GAS PIPELINE FROM IRAN TO INDIA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a consortium of nine leading oil and gas multinationals are jointly exploring the possibility of building a pipeline from Iran`s off-shore gas fields to India through Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether the companies have decided to conduct a study of Iran`s gas utilisation and develop its liquefied natural gas for export;

(c) whether Iran is world`s largest reserves of gas after Russia but exports to none at present;

(d) if so, whether the proposed 2500 km long pipeline would stretch from Asaluyeh on the Persian Gulf coast to North Western India;

(e) if so, the approximate cost involved and the target date of supply of gas;

(f) whether the Pakistan`s present Government has agreed to this project; and
(g) if so, the terms and conditions thereof including the details of guarantee offered for the safety and securing of pipeline?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (e) The Government of Iran has sent a preliminary proposal to supply natural gas to India through an onland pipeline route passing through Pakistan. An Indo - Iran Joint Committee on Transmission of Gas consisting of representatives of the Governments of Iran and India has been constituted to examine all aspects of the pipeline proposed by the Government of Iran.

(f) This is being discussed as a bilateral project between India and Iran.

(g) Does not arise as the proposal of the Government of Iran is in a preliminary stage